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Bars, Taverns Exempt from Indiana's New Smoke-Free Air Law

INDIANAPOLIS (June 28) – Indiana's new Smoke-Free Air Law, which takes effect July 1, 2012, exempts several types of businesses, including certain bars and taverns.

In addition to freestanding bars and taverns, the law also exempts horse-racing facilities, riverboats, casinos, off-track betting facilities, cigar and hookah bars (use of cigarettes is prohibited), one designated smoking room in a private or fraternal club, retail tobacco stores, cigar manufacturing facilities, cigar specialty stores, and certain businesses located in private residences where all the employees also reside.

In order to qualify for the exemption, the bar or tavern must meet all of the following requirements:

- Must hold a beer, wine or liquor retailer's permit.
- Must not employ an individual who is less than 18 years of age.
- Must not allow an individual who is less than 21 years of age and is not an employee of the bar or tavern to enter any area of the bar or tavern.
- Must not be located in a business that would otherwise be subject to the smoking prohibition.

Restaurants with bars are not exempt from the state Smoke-Free Air Law. Only freestanding bars and taverns qualify for an exemption.

Any business meeting one of the law's exemptions that wants to allow smoking, must complete a form found on the ATC's website, www.in.gov/atc.

In addition to the new state law, 42 Indiana cities, towns and counties have smoking ordinances. Any provision of a local ordinance that is more restrictive of smoking than the state law continues in effect.

Additional information about Indiana's Smoke-Free Air Law, including Frequently Asked Questions documents, information on signage requirements (along with free signs), the exception form and other information can be found on the ATC's website, www.in.gov/atc.